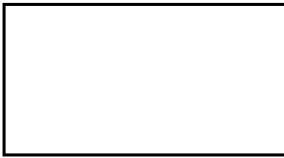


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Report from Chairman COMIREX,
dated 16 January 1969

1. I recommend that you do not forward the attached personal report from the Chairman, COMIREX to the Director. The report is informative on progress in COMIREX related activities over the past year and indicative of problems still facing COMIREX. The Director, however, is already aware of most of the past activities reported in the memorandum. The level of detail on COMIREX's statistical procedures and bookkeeping appears greater than needed by the Director and the future problems described herein are not yet sufficiently developed for DCI action.

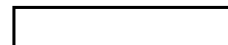
2. My attachment (black tab) is a short memorandum from you to the Director informing him of the existence of the subject memo and noting those developments that are considered possibly of immediate concern to him. I propose this because [redacted] memo went to General Carroll and Mr. Hughes and they may raise it.

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3. In general, I agree with the report and with the need for on-going COMIREX review of existing and potential problems. Comments follow on specific points in the report of the Chairman, COMIREX:

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a. Paragraph 7 concerns on-going planning [redacted] As you are aware, I have scheduled studies on the utility of, and on the problem of utilizing, [redacted] [redacted] I reserve my position until these studies are complete.

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b. In paragraph 9 Chairman COMIREX expresses his concern about [redacted] capability to produce [redacted]

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[redacted] as discussed in the COMIREX report [redacted] last July. The paragraph appears to reflect new insight

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[redacted] capabilities, but this aspect is made to seem more important in the memorandum than I believe is warranted. This aspect of [redacted] has been well understood by CIA and DIA personnel who have been working on the requirements.

Development of [redacted] has now evolved to a point where increasing detail about operation, processing and consumer utilization [redacted] is useful for planning in all organizations concerned with this program. The CIA member, COMIREX, is generating a detailed amplification of requirements for use in on-going planning of the program. Similar studies are in progress within the staff of the Chairman, COMIREX and in other agencies as well.

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/s/ R. J. SMITH

R. J. SMITH
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachment

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